himself urges this against him, but those who canvass for Dr. Smythe or otherwise endeavor to influence Protestant voters in his favor, are said to urge nothing else than the iniquity of voting for a Papist; and Dr. Smythe does not repudiate their tactics, though they are too indefensible for himself to take part in.

Now why should Mr. Harty's having been brought up a Roman Catholic, and being a Roman Catholic, stand in his way with any Protestant? Roman Catholics have always been voting and working for Protestant candidates in Kingston both Liberal and Conservative. Is it much that a Roman Catholic resident of the city, who is personally esteemed and respected amongst you, should in turn be elected by Protestants notwithstanding his being a Roman Catholic? Protestant as Kingston has always been, it was once represented by a Roman Catholic before Mr. Harty. I mean the late Anthony Manahan, who represented Kingston in the first Parliament after the Union of Upper and Lower Canada; and Protestants got no harm from his Romanism. After the lapse of half a century may not Protestants unite in thinking it is time to give a Roman Catholic a turn? Is any Conservative Protestant in Kingston objecting to this, and giving the fact of Mr. Harty being a Roman Catholic as a reason for voting against him? A Kingston Conservative ought to be the last to use such an argument. Many Roman Catholics in Kingston always worked and voted for the great Conservative chief. Sir John Macdonald was always in alliance too with the Roman Catholics of Quebec, and had at one time, and perhaps had always, the support of the great majority of the Roman Catholics of Ontario; and but for the support of Roman Catholics he would not have been able to hold office for a day of his long official life. He was not only supported by Roman Catholics, but he was always associated with Roman Catholics in the Government, and even held office under Roman Catholic premiers. He served for years under Mr. Cartier (afterwards Sir George Cartier); then under another Roman Catholic, Sir Etienne Tache; and then under still another, Sir Narcisse Belleau. So, the first premier that he himself chose for Ontario was a Roman Catholic, Mr. J. Sandfield Macdonald; and whatever that gentleman's faults may have been, any undue leaning to his co-religionists was not one of them. Again, all Canada is at this day mourning the death of another premier who was a Roman Catholic, Sir John Thompson. This Roman Catholic gentleman was practically chosen for premier by the Conservatives of the Parliament of Canada, and he was one of the best Conservative premiers that ever held office. In view of such facts as these, no Conservative in Kingston can honestly use the religious objection against one of the best Roman Catholics in Kingston, now chosen to share in the Government of the province, subject to the ratification of the electors of Kingston.

As regards Mr. Harty, it is satisfactory to know that the most sensitive or excitable Protestant has no fault to find with him personally. He is esteemed and respected by you all. He has mingled all his life with Protestants, in business, in society, in politics, and in every public movement. An earnest Roman Catholic, attached and faithful to his church, he has never made himself offensive on that account to those of a different religious faith from his own. He has shown himself, in his intercourse with others and in all the relations of life, to be a broad-minded, independent man, and has always had the esteem, respect and confidence of the Protestants as well as Roman Catholics of Kingston. He is in a word the last man against whom the "No Popery" cry should be raised here, except as it may be raised against every